

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Endowments Department – Vizianagaram District – Banking fraud – Manasa Trust, Vizianagaram – Missing of Safe Deposit Box No.13/62 from the State Bank of India, Vizianagaram Main Branch – Entrustment of case to CBCID for detailed Investigation – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (ENDOWMENTS.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O..Ms.No. 1269

Dated:07.10.2010.

Read:

From the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Hyderabad, letter
Dated 31.05.2010.

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Whereas it has come to the notice of the Government as reported by the Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad that the Manasa Trust was created in the year of 1958 by the then royal family of Vizianagaram in Andhra Pradesh. The Charitable Trust was subsequently transferred to the Endowments Department of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. The then Dewan of Vizianagaram had deposited two safe deposit boxes containing Jewellery of the temple inside the fort, in the year 1967 bearing No.24/32 and 13/62 in the captioned branch. These boxes are the property of the Trust. Sri Anand Gajapati Raju, former Member of Parliament and Member of the erstwhile royal family, is the Chairman of the Trust.

2. Whereas it has come to the notice that the Chairman along with trust officers went to the State Bank of India, Vizianagaram Branch on 02.02.2010 to withdraw the box bearing No.24/32, to verify its contents as per the list available in the trust office in the presence of Chairman of the Trust, Police Officials, Jewellery verification Officer of Endowments Department and the press. After verifying the contents, the box was sealed and deposited back in to the Bank. When the trust official wanted to withdraw the other box bearing No.13/62, it was not traceable in the Bank.

3. Whereas it has come to the notice that the Chief Security Officer and Commissioner, Endowments Department, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad visited Vizianagaram and enquired with bank officers and perused the records of the Bank, it has come to notice that this box was withdrawn on 19.08.1998 by one Sri E.S.N.Murthy. He submitted on indemnity bond stating that he has lost the safe deposit box receipt. He allegedly claimed in his capacity as Dewan of Vizianagaram. The Bank Officials without verifying the signature of the original depositor and without specific written request of the Chairman of the Trust handed over the box to Sri E.S.N.Murthy who is not an official of the Trust. The same has been brought to the notice of the Chief General Manager of State Bank of India, Hyderabad by the Chief Security Officer of Endowments Department on 2.04.2010.

4. Whereas the Government have decided to conduct a detailed CBCID investigation into the incident of missing box bearing No.13/62 in State Bank of India Branch, Vizianagaram District, which belongs to Manasa Trust, Vizianagaram.

5. Now, the Director General of Police, CID, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is therefore requested to cause a detailed investigation into the matter of missing of box bearing No.13/62 in State Bank of India Branch, Vizianagaram District belongs to Manasa Trust, Vizianagaram, retrieve the trust property and to initiate appropriate criminal proceedings against the guilty.

6. This orders issues with the concurrence of Home Department, vide their U.O.No.530/SC.B/A1/2010, Dated 28.09.2010.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.V.RAMANACHARY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director General of Police,
CBCID, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER